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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 851
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Jean Haggard,
2002 Salutatorian of Decatur County Riverside
High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Jean Haggard is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Decatur County Riverside High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Ms. Haggard has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 3.9 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, during her four years at Decatur County Riverside High School, Rachel Jean Haggard has been a valuable participant of many programs and clubs, including the Beta

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Club, Mau Alpha Theta, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Health Occupation Students of America, Rising Senior, the Science Club, the History Club, the French Club, the Leo Club, Business Professionals of America, FCCLA, the Teen Life Council, Teens Against Tobacco Use, and the 1999 and 2001 Homecoming Courts; and

WHEREAS, a vital member of 4-H, Ms. Haggard has served as a 4-H Congress Delegate and as a member of the 4-H Judging Team, which has placed first in the District Championship for two years, Horse Bowl and Hipology Team, and Interior Design Judging Team; she has also participated in the 4-H public speaking and demonstration programs; and

WHEREAS, successfully showing horses for seven years, she has captured the Overall District Champion for two years at the District Horse Show at Martin, advancing to both the State and the Southern Regional Levels; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded leader among her peers, Rachel Jean Haggard has astutely served as the Panther Bookkeeper, D.A.R.E. Officer, and member of the Yearbook Staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haggard has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented member of the Decatur County Riverside High School Track Team; and

WHEREAS, she has also participated in the Showstoppers Dance Competition, winning First Place Gold in the team division and the opportunity to represent Tennessee in the National Dance Championships; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious and active member of her community, Rachel Jean Haggard has generously served as a volunteer with Relay for Life, Blood Drives, Washing Hands Program, Halloween Safety Program, Halloween Fall Festival, Church Youth Council, Acteens Mission Program, World Changers Weekend, Habitat for Humanity, Decatur County Cares Program, Farm Fest, Pet Shows, and Bicycle Rodeos; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haggard plans on attending Pharmacy School at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis, after completing her pre-pharmacy requirements at the

University of Tennessee at Martin; her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Decatur County Riverside High School surely bodes well for her future success in college; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Jean Haggard's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Decatur County Riverside High School Salutatorian, Rachel Jean Haggard, on her impressive academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.